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SIR:

20 Please amend the above-identified International Application before entry  
into the National Stage before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office under 35 USC  
371 as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace Amended Sheets 1-5 of the translation of the appendix, pages  
6-13 of the translation of the PCT Application and Amended Sheet 14 with the  
attached Substitute Specification.